

## The Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc. 2026 Summer Meeting

Hosted by District II

Monday, July 13, 2026 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Naper Settlement

523 South Webster, Naperville, IL

### Dark Matters - Your Garden at Night

Guest Speaker Valerie Blaine



Darkness at night is as important to our gardens as sunshine in the day. Plants need periods of darkness for healthy flowering, pollination, fruit set and dormancy. The wildlife associated with our gardens need darkness as well. In this presentation, we'll look at what goes on in the dark, why your plants need darkness and how light pollution affects our gardens. We will also discuss easy and cost-effective solutions to this growing problem.

### We the People: Naperville and the American Story

Exhibit opens on February 16, 2026 and is included with museum admission.

The United States turns 250 in 2026! Join Naper Settlement as we explore stories of democracy, freedom, and community from across the nation and in our backyards. A year of commemoration starts with the launch of the Naper Settlement's new exhibit on Presidents' Day (Monday, February 16). Through engaging interactives, powerful artifacts, and local stories, the exhibit inspires reflection, conversation, and celebration to mark 250 years of American Independence.



#### Hotel Rooms

We have a block of rooms reserved at Hampton Inn by Hilton.

1087 East Diehl Road

Naperville, IL

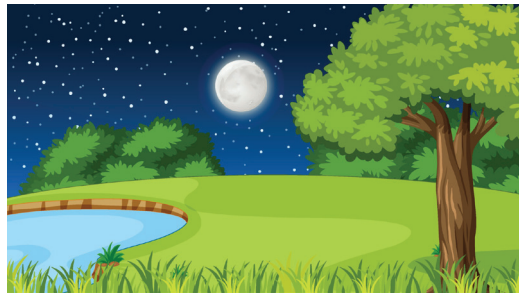
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\$119 plus tax

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Registration

Meet & Greet

9:00 - 11:00 am

Raffle baskets on display throughout for your perusal

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Explore all that is in the Naper Settlement

12:00 - 1:30 pm

GCI business meeting and award presentation

1:30 - 2:30 pm

Buffet lunch and raffles

Program: **Dark Matters - Your Garden at Night** by Valerie Blaine

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Early bird registration ends June 13, 2026.

Registration deadline is July 8, 2026.

Morning beverages and treats, garden tours, buffet lunch, meeting, and speaker are included.

April - June 13	\$55.00
June 14 - July 12	\$60.00
Amount Paid	\$ _____

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply:

- Club Member     Non-member Guest     Club President     District Director     GCI Board Of Directors

To register online via Eventbrite, click [here](#) or use the QR code.  
 To pay via check, please make checks payable to **The Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc.**  
 Send form and payment to Geraldine Smrcina, 6 Oak Brook Club Drive, #J206 Oak Brook, IL 60523  
 Have a question? Contact [lgdizknee@comcast.net](mailto:lgdizknee@comcast.net)

